



**Sewer/Water Commission
MEETING MINUTES**

September 9, 2020

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Taivalkoski, R. Pucely, J. Hewitt

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

VILLAGE STAFF: T. Beyer, R. Bowers, W. Hanson, L. Weber

OTHER PRESENT: D. Snyder, C. Smith

1. **Call to Order** - The Sewer Commission meeting was called to order at 8:00 am.
2. **Public Comment** – None
3. **Approval of the July 22, 2020 Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes** – J. Hewitt motioned to approve the July 22, 2020 meeting minutes as presented, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
4. **Presentation by Village Attorney Chris Smith – Open Records and Open Meetings** – Village Attorney C. Smith presented the Commission with information regarding Open Records and Open Meetings.
5. **Monthly Expenditures Approval – July 2020** – D. Taivalkoski motioned to approve the July 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$1,006,301.91, J. Hewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
6. **Monthly Expenditures Approval – August 2020** – D. Taivalkoski motioned to approve the August 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$1,351.11, J. Hewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
7. **Discussion & Possible Action – 2020 Sewer Rate Study** – J. Cameron (Ehlers) performed a detailed cost of service sewer rate study. For the short term, a 4.8% increase is being recommended to the average residential customer which would be a total of \$131.00 per quarter. It has been 7 years since the last sewer rate increase in the Village. J. Hewitt motioned to accept the Ehlers sanitary sewer rate study and to increase the rates as presented, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
8. **Discussion & Possible Action – 2021 Budget & 2021-2025 CIP** – The Commission was presented with the 2021 budget for the sewer utility. D. Taivalkoski motioned to recommend approval to the Mount Pleasant Village Board, J. Hewitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
9. **Discussion & Possible Action – Chicory Road Area Televising – The Expeditors** – Smoke testing and home inspections have been completed in the Chicory Road Area. Staff would like The Expeditors to complete televising of all main lines to collect as much data as possible. This would be approximately 15 miles of sewer that would need to be televised. J. Hewitt motioned to approve The Expeditors televising in the amount of \$65,000, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
10. **Chicory Road Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study** – Smoke testing is complete in the Chicory Rd. area. Some deficiencies were found but there were no major issues. Once Staff has approval from the Commission to go forward with The Expeditors proposal, televising will be completed. Sump pump inspections are still ongoing in the Chicory Rd. area. A letter will be sent out to all residents with illegal connections. Photos of the sump pump connections have also been accepted by Staff for those who are worried about Staff entering their homes during the current pandemic.

- 11. Cozy Acre Road Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study** – Smoke testing and televising of the main line has been completed and is under review. Sump pump inspections have been completed. Staff found multiple illegal connections and/or cross connections. A letter will be sent out to residents to repair the connections. Staff spoke with multiple commercial property owners in the area where issues were found. Staff will also be going out to inspect the exterior discharge of homes with illegal connections during heavy rain events. D. Mueller & T. Mueller (2711 Cozy Acres Rd.) requested an update on the progress being made in the Cozy Acres area. They expressed frustration with the severe backups in the area for the past 20 years that need to be addressed. They are wondering what the main cause of the infiltration is.
- 12. Technical Advisory Committee – Facilities Planning Update** – D. Snyder (Foth) informed the Commission that the final report was sent out to technical advisory team. The Chicory Rd study being completed by the City if Racine is underway.
- 13. Request from Village of Somers – Expansion of Sewer Service Area** – Staff received a request from the Village/Town of Somers to expand the sewer service area. J. Hewitt motioned to recommend approval of the amendment subject to the terms and conditions of the existing agreement, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 14. TID 5 Sewer Improvements - Monthly Project Update** – D. Snyder (Foth) provided the Commission the monthly update for the TID 5 Sewer Improvements. Phase 1 is closed. Phases 2-4 are in close out with the exception of Phase 3 that has an existing claim that will be expiring within the next few weeks. Phase 5 is complete and restoration is complete with the exception of a few touch up items. The Pike River Lift station is still set for completion November 2021. Wisconsin Valley Way is still on hold. International Dr. will be the next project to start construction. This is currently in the easement acquisition phase.
- 15. Reports**

 - **T. Beyer** - **Washington Ave. Emergency Sewer Main Repair** – An impass was hit when the line was being cleaned on Washington Ave. There was a collapsed 700 ft. section of pipe that will need to be lined.
 - **S. Lakeshore Lift Station Reconstruction** – The notice to proceed has been issued and work should be started within the next week or so.
 - **Pike River Lift Station Tours** – Individual tours will be available to any interested Commission members and Village Board members.
- 16. Adjourn** – J. Hewitt motioned to adjourn the Sewer Commission meeting at 9:44 am, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.